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IN RE APPLICATION OF: BRETT ASHLEY RODERICK

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Attention is invited to the following disclosures which have been distinguished in the claims but may nevertheless be helpful to the office in its examination of this application:

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| U.S. 6,126,156 | Brodeur | October 3, 2000  |
| U.S. 5,383,320 | Sorton  | January 24, 1995 |
| U.S. 5,312,095 | Rennie  | May 17, 1994     |
| U.S. 5,054,755 | Hawkes  | October 8, 1991  |
| U.S. 4,947,616 | Sorton  | August 14, 1990  |
| U.S. 4,264,063 | Halula  | April 28, 1981   |

The references are listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

Brodeur discloses a tool for supporting a joist hanger during application of the hanger to the joist.

Sorton ('320') discloses an adjustable tool for positioning joist hangers on a joist.

Rennie discloses a tool for placing joist hangers utilizing gravity.

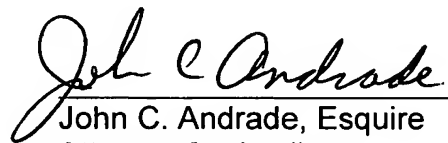
Hawkes discloses a hand tool for mounting "U" shaped joist hangers having a spring biased projection extending from the top of the tool above the bottom projection hanger to clamp them to the header beam.

Sorton ('616') discloses a tool for positioning a joist hanger on a joist utilizing a magnetic structure.

Halula discloses a reusable devise for holding up one end of a joist while the carpenter nails the other end in place.

None of the above references discloses a hanger hoister tool having legs rigidly extending upward and a handle extending downward and outward together with a means for holding a "U" shaped joist bracket between the legs.

Respectfully submitted,

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|                     | 6 1 2 6 1 5 6   | 10/3/00 | Brodeur |       |          | 7/29/98                      |
|                     | 5 3 8 3 3 2 0   | 1/24/95 | Sorton  |       |          | 6/1/93                       |
|                     | 5 3 1 2 0 9 5   | 5/17/94 | Rennie  |       |          | 3/8/93                       |
|                     | 5 0 5 4 7 5 5   | 10/8/91 | Hawkes  |       |          | 8/16/90                      |
|                     | 4 9 4 7 6 1 6   | 8/14/90 | Sorton  |       |          | 5/22/89                      |
|                     | 4 2 6 4 0 6 3   | 4/28/81 | Halula  |       |          | 2/1/80                       |
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